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NAFTA Workshop on Biopesticide Regulation: *Registration Approaches and Processes*

JOINT REVIEW OF BIOPESTICIDES: PROCESSES AND LESSONS LEARNED

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JOINT REVIEWS - DEFINITION

- Formal process with negotiated timelines
- Workload is split among participating regulatory authorities
- Reviews of data are exchanged and peer-reviewed
-  **GOAL** is to reach a harmonized and simultaneous registration decision





JOINT REVIEWS - BENEFITS

- More **Efficient** Registration Process
- Evaluation of New Pesticides (active ingredients and new uses) at the **SAME TIME** Among Participating Countries (e.g., Canada, U.S.) While Meeting Country Specific Requirements
- **Strengthens** the regulatory process (e.g., peer-review process, best available science)

NOTE: Program is **evolving** and expanding as regulatory authorities/applicants build upon their experiences



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JOINT REVIEWS - BACKGROUND/PROGRESS TO DATE

- The Joint Review Program was launched in 1996 as a NAFTA Initiative; applies to Conventional Chemical, Biopesticide and Antimicrobial products
- The first biopesticide was registered under the NAFTA Joint Review program in 1999
- The Joint Review program has now expanded to include “Global” Joint Reviews (conventional chemicals only to date) and “Second Entry” Joint Reviews (e.g., use expansions)
- Progress to date with Current Biopesticide Joint Reviews:
 - Decisions Completed: 10 new active ingredients (12 associated end use products and 1 associated manufacturing concentrate)
 - In Progress: 5 new active ingredients (+ end use products)
 - Future Joint Reviews (Pre-Submission Phase): 6 new active ingredients



JOINT REVIEWS - CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

A) Criteria for New Active Ingredients and Associated End-Use Products

- Active ingredient cannot be registered in either country
- Complete database needs to be available at the time of application
- Proposed use pattern/formulation type is the same for countries involved
- Timeline for application (as well as marketing) is similar for countries involved



JOINT REVIEWS - CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY (cont'd)

B) Criteria for “Second Entry” Joint Reviews

For Each Country Involved:

- Active ingredient(s) must be registered
- There must be a complete database by modern standards on file for the active ingredient(s)
- Proposed uses (that are applicable to all countries) and formulations must be new
- Formulations should be the same among countries
- Timeline for application is the same
- For applications involving formulation changes, corresponding label uses should be the same
- For new sources of registered active ingredients, the new source(s) of the active ingredient must be new / the same source(s)

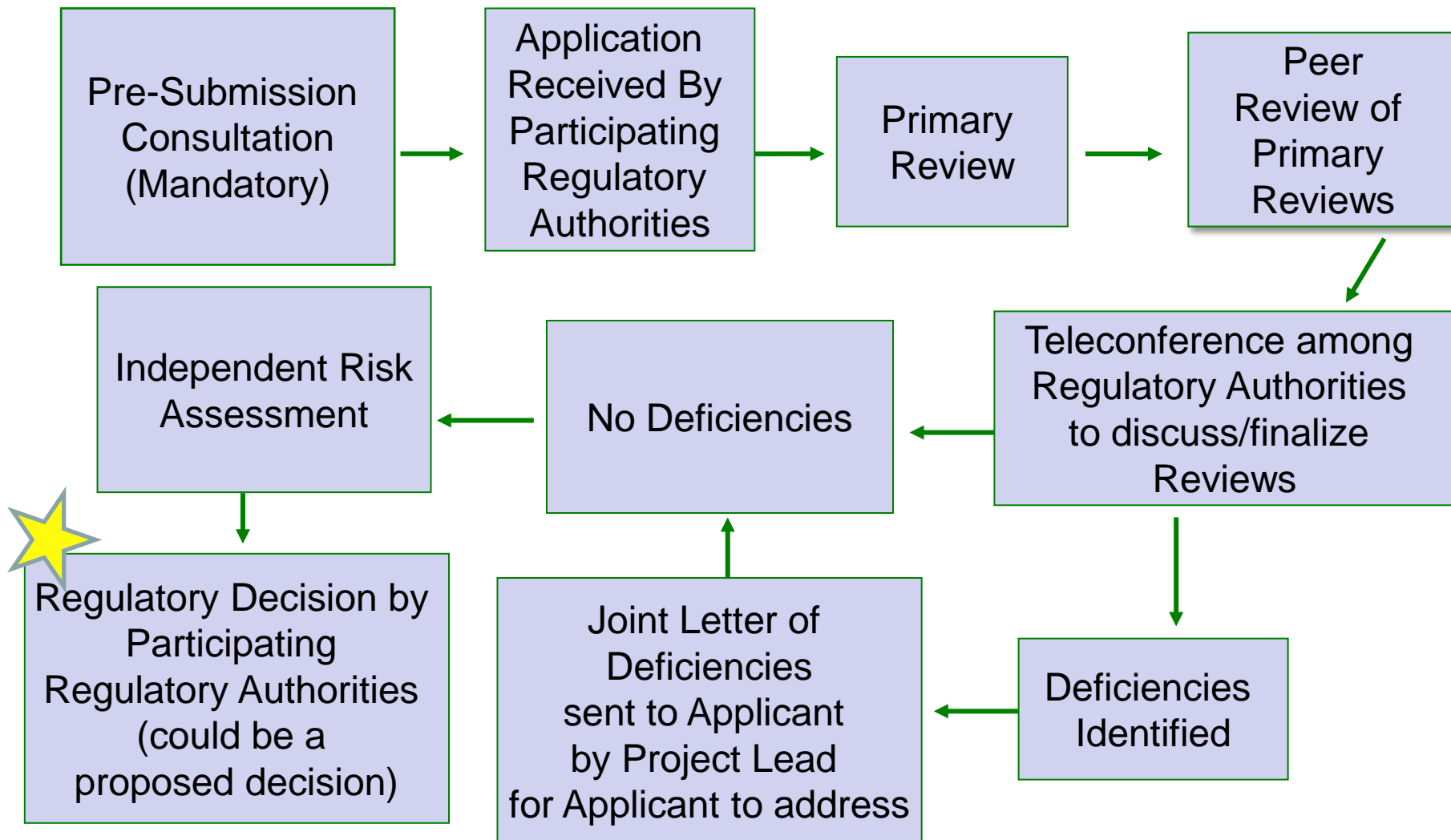


JOINT REVIEWS - PROCESS

- **EARLY** pre-submission consultation between the applicant and the participating regulatory authorities is mandatory
- A joint review pre-submission consultation is required to determine:
 - Whether a joint review is possible
 - To establish joint data requirements for a specific product or the type of information required to support a data waiver
 - To establish the review time-lines
- A project lead is selected from the participating regulatory authorities
- A work-split is decided by the participating regulatory authorities, and a project plan is developed for regulatory use which includes key milestones with associated timelines



Joint Reviews - Process (cont'd)





JOINT REVIEWS – CONSIDERATIONS

NAFTA Labels:

- Initiative under the NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides
- Allows for cross-border movement of approved products between Canada and the United States to the benefit of users, without compromising the integrity of the jurisdictional regulatory systems.
- NAFTA label initiative can be considered for any pest control product registered in both Canada and the U.S. for which the formulation is equivalent in both jurisdictions.
- To have a NAFTA labelled product, the product container needs to display an approved/Joint American and Canadian primary panel (i.e., “base label”) with separate American and Canadian “Directions for Use”
- Pre-submission consultation process is an appropriate forum to initiate discussions regarding the NAFTA label option.



JOINT REVIEWS - CHALLENGES

- **Pre-submission Consultation Phase:**
 - To initiate the process, the applicant needs to
 - Contact participating regulatory authorities at the same time with the joint review proposal
 - Submit the proposal at least 6 months to one year in advance of the anticipated application submission
- **Application Submission:**
 - Applications/data need to be submitted to participating regulatory authorities at the same time
 - Applicant needs to reply in a timely fashion to all identified deficiencies

References

- **Joint Review of Biopesticides (i.e., Microbials and Biochemicals)**
 - U.S. Site: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/international/naftatwg/projects/riskredu/microbial-update.pdf>
 - Canadian Site: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pubs/pest/_corp-plan/nafta-alena/rr04-99-0908-eng.php
- **Updated Procedures for the Joint Review of Biopesticides (i.e., Microbials and Biochemicals)**
 - U.S. Site: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/international/naftatwg/index.html>
 - Canadian Site: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/protect-proteger/publi-regist/proced-microb-chim-eng.php>.
- **NAFTA Label Guidance**
 - U.S. Site: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/international/naftatwg/labels/implement-labels.htm>
 - Canadian Sites: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/agri-commerce/import/nafta-alena-eng.php> /
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